Liens not to be prior to judgments.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That during the continuance of this act judgments rendered by Justices of the Peace within any of the counties of this State to which this act is made applicable, shall be liens on the real estate of the defendants in said judgments upon their being recorded as hereinafter provided for, upon their being filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of the State, in which the defendants shall reside, and recorded in a record kept for that purpose, (for which the Clerk shall receive twenty-five cents in each case,) but the lien of said payments shall not be considered as prior to judgments rendered in the Circuit Courts of this State at the term of said courts next succeeding the filing of the judgments rendered before Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, but shall be considered only equal as lien to them.

Not to apply.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the securities provided for as to a Mortgage of personal property, and also the immunity of the lien of judgments in the second section of the original act referred to shall apply to all cases covered by this act, and that this shall not apply to debts contracted after the passage of this act.

Not to be computed.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the period allowed by this act shall not be computed as a portion of the three years within which an execution may issue on any judgment or decree to which the stay of execution provided for by this act is applicable.

Officer not responsible.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That where any execution has been levied upon personal property at the time of the passage of this act, the officer serving said execution shall not be held responsible for said property unless he shall have taken and held said property in his actual possession.

Not to apply.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That nothing in this act shall apply to judgments or decrees rendered in favor of the State, or in any way effect, limit or restrain attachments on warrant or judgment against the lands, good and chattles, rights and credits of non-residents or absconding debtors as practiced under existing laws.

Not to prevent sale. Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That nothing contained in this act, shall be construed to prevent the sale of any real or personal estate under any